

## FFWPU UK: Welcome UPA Missionaries To The UK

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After the successful launch of several missionary teams across Europe, a team of four UPA missionaries has now arrived in London!

On the 18th of March 2024, four young missionaries touched down at London Heathrow Airport, where they received a warm welcome from the FFWPU-UK staff and the River South committee chair. As the team members arrived from different terminals, different topics were discussed to get to know the missionary team. Interestingly, it happened to be one of the missionaries' birthdays that day! As we prepared to head to the car park, we unexpectedly ran into Dr. Balcomb, who was returning from his travels and was happy to meet the team.



Following their long flights, the missionaries were taken to Livingstone House, their home base during their mission in the UK. That evening, they were treated to a delightful curry dinner prepared by the youth community residing in Livingstone House along with delicious chocolate chip cookies, baked by the sisters residing in Livingstone House. Since there was a birthday to celebrate, arrangements were made to prepare a symbolic cake - made out of lovely blueberry cupcakes baked by auntie Maria P. The cake

made its grand entrance into the dining hall, accompanied by everyone singing "Happy Birthday," with Allister G. strumming the guitar.



On Tuesday, the UPA missionaries had the opportunity to meet the FFWPU-UK HQ staff team. They engaged in a productive meeting, followed by a shared lunch. Afterwards, they headed to the Hyde Park Holy Ground for a heartfelt 12 minutes prayer. We hope they enjoyed their first few days and we look forward to hear more from their experiences in the UK, striving forward towards Heavenly Parent's and True Mother's dream.



If you want to learn more about gap year programs and missionary programs that are available, [please visit here](#) for information and contact details.



**If you want to meet our lovely missionary team, come to Sunday service at Livingstone House this week, starting at 10:30 am, or watch the live stream!**





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# Explore Your Gap Year Programme Options!

Are you considering taking a gap year? See what wonderful options you can choose from below...

## The DONE Programme-

DONE – Development of New Environments

The educational training programme DONE is designed for Blessed children over 18 years old, who are interested in participating in spiritual training and education. The education will focus on character development, strengthening life of faith, and deepening relationships with God, True Parents and brothers and sisters. The programme is open to those who have just graduated from high school as well as young adults who wish to take time for their spiritual education, at a later stage in life.

DONE programme is organised, guided and managed by the ESGD staff team.

### Overview

DONE is a training programme comprised of an educational period, fundraising training periods, service projects and other educational and bonding experiences as brothers and sisters. The programme offers participants down-to-earth education and care in aspects of building their relationship to God and furthering their understanding of life. Through the varied schedule and opportunities, young 2nd generation are given the chance to make their spiritual life and knowledge lasting and real, as well as creating strong bonds of friendship and learning useful skills and wisdom for life.

We believe that Blessed Children need to have a healthy understanding of who they are, seeing their potential and role in taking a lead to develop new environments wherever they go and whatever they do. In line with this, DONE aims to provide participants with the opportunity to strengthen their confidence and maturity so that they can believe in their capacity to take responsibility and the positive difference they can make in this world.

### Programme Structure

The DONE programme is made up of 4 modules, beginning in September 2024 and ending in August 2025. On completion of each module, participants can then decide if they wish to sign up for the next one. The programme offers participants down-to-earth education and care in aspects of building their relationship to God and furthering their understanding of life. Through the varied schedule and educational opportunities, participants are given the chance to make their spiritual life and knowledge lasting and real. The education takes place through the content, mentoring, personal reflection and sharing throughout the programme; learning useful skills and wisdom for life from the educators, peers and by searching inwardly. The education will focus on strengthening your life of faith and becoming a more responsible adult; deepening your relationship with God and True Parents, developing self-awareness and character, and building lasting friendships with brothers and sisters.

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## The EMPOWER Programme-

EMPOWER is a missionary and faith-based development program for young adults ages 18-30 to help them find and live their faith by growing their hearts and love for God, True Parents, and others. EMPOWER offers opportunities for participants to have strong and mature characters through fundraising training, witnessing training, participating in service projects, and going on a pilgrimage in Korea to experience the history and heart of True Parents and the Unificationist movement. EMPOWER encourages its participants to become active in their communities and grow their hearts to become global citizens.

The name 'EMPOWER' comes from our desire to create an environment where participants are:

- Empowered to find and live their life of faith,
- Empowered to have a strong and mature character,
- Empowered to grow their hearts and love towards God, True Parents, and others.
- Empowered to become active in their communities.

See a video on the programme [here](#).

### Key Elements Of The Programme-

**Fund-raising training**– Fundraising is a spiritual practice in the Unificationist community where participants grow their character and gain communication skills by speaking to people from different countries. This helps the participants' to grow a deeper understanding of the world through people and develop their foundation of faith. Participants will raise funds to support the activities of the EMPOWER year.

**Witnessing**– Fundraising is a spiritual practice in the Unificationist community where participants grow their character and gain communication skills by speaking to people from different countries. This helps the participants' to grow a deeper understanding of the world through people and develop their foundation of faith. Participants will raise funds to support the activities of the EMPOWER year.

**Studying Divine Principle**– Participants will receive Divine Principle lectures and hear testimonies from lecturers across Europe during workshops. Also, there will be opportunity to deep dive into the Divine Principle content through studying and practicing to share the content to others through giving their own lectures. Through deepening their understanding of the Divine Principle, participants can understand the core of the Unificationist teaching

**Korea Pilgrimage**– The Hyojeong Youth Academy Korea Pilgrimage is an optional part of the program where participants can tour holy grounds in Korea where True Parents began the movement. Here, participants can experience the roots of where the movement began and the spirit of True Parents. The Korea Pilgrimage takes place in August and is optional for participants, those who cannot attend the pilgrimage will graduate the EMPOWER year in June.

**Service projects**– By serving communities in a country other than one's own, participants can experience giving to communities and seeing the impact of service for others. Participants will take part in volunteer service and organize their own projects that can serve the community in areas of need.

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## GPA (Generation Peace Academy)-

GPA is a full-time, gap year program for high school graduates and college age individuals to receive life of faith education and leadership training, serve in developing countries and become global missionaries.

Generation Peace Academy **EMPOWERS** the next generation to **DISCOVER** and take **OWNERSHIP** of their **FAITH**, practice a **LEADERSHIP OF LOVE**, and learn to **SURPASS DIFFERENCES** of race and religion.

### 3 OUTCOMES

1. Embark on a spiritual journey
2. Cultivate character
3. Develop lifelong relationships

Generation Peace Academy has almost 30 years of history since it began in 1994 as "Special Task Force". Over the years it has changed its name to Generation Peace Academy, but it has always been about supporting young people to develop a personal life of faith and lifelong character skills. The program has expanded to include a branch of international missionaries and domestic missionaries.

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